

RESERVE ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS

Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act

1. Proposal received by Advisory Council. *Section 11.(1)(2)* , 2 or proposal rejected
2. Preliminary review by Advisory Council. , 3 or proposal rejected
 - meeting with person or group submitting the proposal
 - site visit and investigation
 - preliminary meetings with community representatives and/or local residents
 - preparation of preliminary report and study area boundary
3. Proposal reviewed by government departments and agencies. *Section 12.(1)*
 - outstanding land use issues identified
 - meetings held by Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council and Parks and Natural Areas Division to clarify and attempt to resolve outstanding land use issues
4. Proposal reviewed by community representatives and local residents
 - public meetings held to inform the public of the reserve proposal, including the study area boundary
 - meetings held to clarify and attempt to resolve outstanding land use issues
5. Second review by Advisory Council. *Section 12.(2)* , 6 or proposal rejected
 - approve or reject suggested revisions to proposal
 - update preliminary report and study area boundary
 - draft Government submission (report and order for gazette)
6. Recommendation to Cabinet to establish provisional reserve. , 7 or proposal rejected
7. Provisional Reserve established (published in the Gazette). *Section 14.(1)*
8. Preliminary Management Plan drafted.
9. Public notice published within 1 year of the establishment of the provisional reserve, including boundary description, outline of management plan and statement that the public provide written notice within 30 days if they intend to participate in the public hearing. *Section 15*
10. Minister sets a time and place for the public hearing (within 90 days of the first public notice) but giving the public at least 30 days advance notice of the date of the hearing. *Section 16.(1)(2)*
11. Public hearings are chaired by Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council
 - final report written
 - Government submission prepared
12. Within 120 days a report of the public hearing and final recommendation to Government is submitted including boundary description, management plan and proposed regulations. *Section 17.(1)(2)(3)*
13. Final reserve is established by Order in Council *Section 18.(1)* or proposal rejected. If established, public notice is published in a newspaper in circulation in the area of the reserve to indicate establishment of the reserve, boundary description and management plan. *Section 18.(3)*